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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Meeting of SANACC Subcommittee  
on Psychological Warfare

1. The SANACC Subcommittee on Psychological Warfare met at 1000 today in Mr. Block's office with the following members present:

Chairman - Mr. Ralph Block	- State Department
Comdr. David Snell	- Navy Department
Col. Clyde Rich	- Air Force
Col. William McNamee	- Army Department
[redacted]	- CIA

2. The status of the Subcommittee was again discussed and Mr. Block made an effort to ascertain from the Service members if it was correct that their respective Agencies were in favor of the proposal that the Department of State take over the planning as well as the current operational problems of psychological warfare. The Service members were not able to answer this question. When comments were made about the lack of output and the unproductive character of Mr. Dechener's Committee, I timidly observed that our Subcommittee should not be too proud of its accomplishments to date.

3. Colonel Rich suggested that the type of Progress Report put out by the Subcommittee did not clearly indicate the discussions on various items that take place throughout the Subcommittee deliberations. Accordingly, considerable time was spent on recasting and rewording the Progress Report of the last meeting.

4. In response to Mr. Block's request, Colonel McNamee stated that the Department of the Army felt that the proposed Policy Statement and the proposed summary report of accomplishments should be separated as two independent documents and, secondly, that there was a strong feeling that sufficient policy in the field of information dissemination was written in the Smith-Mundt Bill, Public Law 400, which established the Office of Information and Educational Exchange of the Department of State. In accordance with Colonel McNamee's suggestion, the Subcommittee cleared for transmission to SANACC the summary report of activities.

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5. The Smith-Mundt Bill, in part, calls for the establishment of a "Commission on Information" to establish policies in this field. Because of this, I asked Mr. Block two questions:

- a. Whether this Commission was yet appointed, and
- b. Whether this Commission would not be formulating the same kind of policies which we are now working upon.

Mr. Block was very vague and negative in his answers to these questions.

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